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**ON THE QUESTION OF SOLVABILITY OF THE PERIODIC
BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR A SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED
ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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In the present note sufficient conditions are given for the solvability of the ω -periodic boundary value problem

$$dx(t) = dA(t) \cdot f(t, x(t)), \tag{1}$$

$$x(0) = x(\omega), \tag{2}$$

where ω is a positive number, $A(t) = (a_{ik}(t))_{i,k=1}^n$, $a_{ik}(t) \equiv a_{ik}^{(1)}(t) - a_{ik}^{(2)}(t)$, $a_{ik}^{(\sigma)} : R \rightarrow R$ ($\sigma = 1, 2$) are functions nondecreasing on $[0, \omega]$, $a_{ik}^{(\sigma)}(t + \omega) = a_{ik}^{(\sigma)}(t) + a_{ik}^{(\sigma)}(\omega)$ for $t \in R$; $f = (f_k)_{k=1}^n : R \times R^n \rightarrow R^n$ is an ω -periodic with respect to the first variable vector-function such that its restriction on $[0, \omega] \times R^n$ belongs to the Carathéodory classes corresponding to the matrix-functions $A^{(1)}$ and $A^{(2)}$, $A^{(\sigma)}(t) \equiv (a_{ik}^{(\sigma)}(t))_{i,k=1}^n$ ($\sigma = 1, 2$).

The following notation and definitions will be used: $R =] - \infty, +\infty[$, $R_+ = [0, +\infty[$, $[a, b]$ ($a, b \in R$) is a closed segment, $R^{n \times m}$ is the space of all real $n \times m$ -matrices $X = (x_{ik})_{i,k=1}^{n,m}$ with the norm $\|X\| = \max_{k=1, \dots, m} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_{ik}|$; $|X| = (|x_{ik}|)_{i,k=1}^{n,m}$; if $X \in R^{n \times n}$, then $\det(X)$ is the determinant of X , I_n is the identity $n \times n$ -matrix; $R^n = R^{n \times 1}$ is the space of all real column n -vectors $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^n$.

$BV([a, b], R^{n \times m})$ is the set of all matrix-functions $X = (x_{ik})_{i,k=1}^{n,m} : [a, b] \rightarrow R^{n \times m}$ such that every its component x_{ik} has a bounded total variation on $[a, b]$.

$s_k : BV([a, b], R) \rightarrow BV([a, b], R)$ ($k = 0, 1, 2$) are the operators defined by $s_1(x)(a) = s_2(x)(a) = 0$,

$$s_1(x)(t) = \sum_{a < \tau \leq t} d_1 x(\tau) \quad \text{and} \quad s_2(x)(t) = \sum_{a \leq \tau < t} d_2 x(\tau) \quad \text{for } t \in]a, b],$$

$$s_0(x)(t) \equiv x(t) - s_1(x)(t) - s_2(x)(t).$$

$BV_\omega^{n \times m}$ is the set of all matrix-functions $X : R \rightarrow R^{n \times m}$ such that $X(t + \omega) = X(t) + X(\omega)$ for $t \in R$, and its restriction on $[0, \omega]$ belongs to $BV([0, \omega], R^{n \times m})$; $X(t-)$ and $X(t+)$ are the left and the right limits of X at the point $t \in R$; $d_1 X(t) = X(t) - X(t-)$, $d_2 X(t) = X(t+) - X(t)$.

If $g : R \rightarrow R$ is nondecreasing on the interval $I \subset R$, $x : R \rightarrow R$ and $s < t$ ($s, t \in I$), then

$$\int_s^t x(\tau) dg(\tau) = \int_{]s, t[} x(\tau) dg(\tau) + x(t)d_1 g(t) + x(s)d_2 g(s),$$

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where $\int_{]s,t[} x(\tau) dg(\tau)$ is the Lebesgue–Stieltjes integral over the open interval $]s, t[$ with

respect to the measure μ_g corresponding to the function g (if $s = t$, then $\int_s^t x(\tau) dg(\tau) = 0$); $L([a, b], R; g)$ is the set of all μ_g -measurable functions $x : [0, \omega] \rightarrow R$ such that $\int_b^a |x(t)| dg(t) < +\infty$.

^a A matrix-function is said to be nondecreasing if every of its components is such.

If $G = (g_{ik})_{i,k=1}^{l,n} : R \rightarrow R^{l \times n}$ is a matrix-function nondecreasing on the interval $I \subset R$ and $X = (x_{kj})_{k,j=1}^{n,m} : R \rightarrow R^{n \times m}$, then

$$\int_s^t dG(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \int_s^t x_{kj}(\tau) dg_{ik}(\tau) \right)_{i,j=1}^{l,m} \quad \text{for } s \leq t \ (s, t \in I);$$

$L([a, b], R^{n \times m}; G)$ is the set of all matrix-functions $X = (x_{kj})_{k,j=1}^{n,m} : [a, b] \rightarrow R^{n \times m}$ such that $x_{kj} \in L([a, b], R; g_{ik})$ ($i = 1, \dots, l; k = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m$);

$K([a, b] \times D_1, D_2; G)$ ($D_1 \subset R^n, D_2 \subset R^{n \times m}$) is the Carathéodory class corresponding to G , i.e., the set of all mappings $F = (f_{kj})_{k,j=1}^{n,m} : [a, b] \times D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ such that for each $i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$, $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ and $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$: a) the function $f_{kj}(\cdot, x) : [a, b] \rightarrow R$ is $\mu_{g_{ik}}$ -measurable for every $x \in D_1$; b) the function $f_{kj}(t, \cdot) : D_1 \rightarrow R$ is continuous for $\mu_{g_{ik}}$ -almost every $t \in [a, b]$, and $\sup\{|f_{kj}(\cdot, x)| : x \in D_0\} \in L([a, b], R; g_{ik})$ for every compact $D_0 \subset D_1$.

If $G^{(\sigma)} : R \rightarrow R^{l \times n}$ ($\sigma = 1, 2$) are matrix-functions nondecreasing on the interval $I \subset R$, $G = G^{(1)} - G^{(2)}$ and $X : R \rightarrow R^{n \times m}$, then

$$\int_s^t dG(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) = \int_s^t dG^{(1)}(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) - \int_s^t dG^{(2)}(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) \quad \text{for } s \leq t \ (s, t \in I).$$

An ω -periodic vector-function $x : R \rightarrow R^n$ is said to be a solution of the problem (1),(2) if its restriction on $]s, t[$ belongs to $BV([s, t], R^n)$ and

$$x(t) = x(s) + \int_s^t dA(\tau) \cdot f(\tau, x(\tau)) \quad \text{for } s < t \ (s, t \in R).$$

Let $B = (b_{ik})_{i,k=1}^n \in BV_\omega^{n \times n}$ and let natural numbers m, r_1, \dots, r_m and n_1, \dots, n_m ($0 = n_0 < n_1 < \dots < n_m = n$), nondecreasing functions $g_{lj} : [0, \omega] \rightarrow R$ ($l = 1, \dots, r_j; j = 1, \dots, m$), functions $\alpha_{lj} \in L([0, \omega], R; g_{lj})$ ($l = 1, \dots, r_j; j = 1, \dots, m$) and matrix-functions $\mathcal{P}_{lj} = (p_{ljik})_{i,k=1}^n$ ($l = 1, \dots, r_j; j = 1, \dots, m$), $p_{ljik} \in L([0, \omega], R; g_{lj})$ ($i, k = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j$) be such that $b_{ik}(t) \equiv 0$ ($i = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j; k = n_j + 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m-1$),

$$\sigma_j \sum_{i,k=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} p_{ljik}(t) x_i x_k \geq \alpha_{lj}(t) \sum_{i=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} x_i^2$$

for $\mu_{g_{lj}}$ -almost everywhere $t \in [0, \omega]$, $(x_i)_{i=1}^n \in R^n$ ($l = 1, \dots, r_j; j = 1, \dots, m$),

$$\sigma_i \left(b_{jii}(t) - b_{jii}(s) - \sum_{l=1}^{r_j} \int_s^t p_{ljii}(\tau) dg_{lj}(\tau) \right) \geq 0$$

for $0 \leq s \leq t \leq \omega$ ($i = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j$; $j = 1, \dots, m$)

and

$$b_{jik}(t) = \sum_{l=1}^{r_j} \int_0^t p_{ljik}(\tau) dg_{lj}(\tau) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \omega]$$

$$(i \neq k; i, k = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j; j = 1, \dots, m),$$

where $\sigma_j \in \{-1, 1\}$ ($j = 1, \dots, m$) and

$$b_{jik}(t) \equiv b_{ik}(t) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{0 < \tau \leq t} \sum_{\sigma = n_{j-1} + 1}^{n_j} d_1 b_{\sigma i}(\tau) \cdot d_1 b_{\sigma k}(\tau) - \right.$$

$$\left. - \sum_{0 \leq \tau < t} \sum_{\sigma = n_{j-1} + 1}^{n_j} d_2 b_{\sigma i}(\tau) \cdot d_2 b_{\sigma k}(\tau) \right) \quad (i, k = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j; j = 1, \dots, m).$$

Then we will say that

$$B \in Q_\omega^{n \times n} \left(m, (r_j, n_j, (g_{lj}, \alpha_{lj}, \mathcal{P}_{lj})_{l=1}^{r_j})_{j=1}^m \right). \quad (3)$$

Theorem 1. *Let the conditions (3),*

$$|f(t, x) - \mathcal{P}(t)x| \leq q(t, \|x\|),$$

$$\det (I_n + (-1)^\sigma d_\sigma A(t) \cdot \mathcal{P}(t)) \neq 0 \quad (\sigma = 1, 2),$$

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^\omega d(A^{(1)}(t) + A^{(2)}(t)) \cdot q(t, \rho) = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$(1 + \sigma_j) d_1 g_j(t) + (1 - \sigma_j) d_2 g_j(t) < 2, \quad (5)$$

$$(1 - \sigma_j) d_1 g_j(t) + (1 + \sigma_j) d_2 g_j(t) \neq -2 \quad (6)$$

and

$$\exp (s_0(g_j)(\omega)) > \frac{1}{2} \left[(1 + \sigma_j) \prod_{0 < \tau \leq \omega} (1 - d_1 g_j(\tau)) \prod_{0 \leq \tau < \omega} (1 + d_2 g_j(\tau))^{-1} + \right.$$

$$\left. + (1 - \sigma_j) \prod_{0 < \tau \leq \omega} (1 + d_1 g_j(\tau))^{-1} \prod_{0 \leq \tau < \omega} (1 - d_2 g_j(\tau)) \right] \quad (7)$$

be fulfilled on $[0, \omega] \times R^n$ for every $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, where $\sigma_j \in \{-1, 1\}$; m, r_1, \dots, r_m and n_1, \dots, n_m ($0 = n_0 < n_1 < \dots < n_m = n$) are natural numbers; $\alpha_{lj} \in L([0, \omega], R; g_{lj})$, $\mathcal{P}_{lj} = (p_{ljik})_{i,k=1}^n$, $p_{ljik} \in L([0, \omega], R; g_{lj})$, $g_{lj} : [0, \omega] \rightarrow R$ is nondecreasing ($i, k = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j$); $\mathcal{P} \in \overset{2}{\bigcap}_{\sigma=1} L([0, \omega], R^{n \times n}; A^{(\sigma)})$; $B(t) = \int_0^t dA(\tau) \cdot \mathcal{P}(\tau)$ for $t \in [0, \omega]$,

$B(t + \omega) = B(t) + B(\omega)$; $g_j(t) \equiv 2 \sum_{l=1}^{r_j} \int_0^t \alpha_{lj}(\tau) dg_{lj}(\tau)$; $q \in \overset{2}{\bigcap}_{\sigma=1} K([0, \omega] \times R_+, R_+^n; A^{(\sigma)})$

is a vector-function nondecreasing in the second variable. Then the problem (1),(2) is solvable.

Theorem 2. *Let the conditions (3)-(7) be fulfilled. Let, moreover,*

$$|f(t, x) - \mathcal{P}(t, x)x| \leq q(t, \|x\|),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_j \sum_{i,k=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^n a_{i\nu}(\tau) p_{\nu k}(\tau, y) x_i x_k \geq \alpha_{lj}(\tau) \sum_{i=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} x_i^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. \text{for } \mu_{g_{lj}}\text{-almost every } \tau \in [0, \omega] \text{ (} l = 1, \dots, r_j \text{)}, \right. \\ (-1)^\sigma \sigma_j & \sum_{i,k,l=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} \left(\sum_{\nu,\mu=1}^n p_{\nu i}(t, y) p_{\mu k}(t, y) d_\sigma a_{l\nu}(t) \cdot d_\sigma a_{l\mu}(t) \right) x_i x_k \geq \\ & \geq d_\sigma \beta_j(t) \sum_{i=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} x_i^2 \quad (\sigma = 1, 2), \\ & |p_{ik}(t, y)| \leq \varphi_{ik}(t) \quad (i, k = 1, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i,k=n_{j-1}+1}^{n_j} \sum_{l=1}^n \varphi_{ik}(t) d_\sigma (a_{il}^{(1)}(t) + a_{il}^{(2)}(t)) < 1 \quad (\sigma = 1, 2)$$

be fulfilled for $(t, x, y) \in [0, \omega] \times R^{2n}$ ($j = 1, \dots, m$) where $\sigma_j \in \{-1, 1\}$; m, r_1, \dots, r_m and n_1, \dots, n_m ($0 = n_0 < n_1 < \dots < n_m = n$) are natural numbers; $\beta_j \in \text{BV}([0, \omega], R)$; a_{lik} and α_{lj} belong to $L([0, \omega], R; g_{lj})$, $g_{lj} : [0, \omega] \rightarrow R$ are nondecreasing ($i, k = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j$); $\mathcal{P} = (p_{ik})_{i,k=1}^n \in \bigcap_{\sigma=1}^2 K([0, \omega] \times R^n, R^{n \times n}; A^{(\sigma)})$, $(\varphi_{ik})_{i,k=1}^n \in \bigcap_{\sigma=1}^2 L([0, \omega], R^{n \times n}; A^{(\sigma)})$; $a_{ik}(t) = \sum_{l=1}^n \int_0^t a_{lik}(\tau) dg_{lj}(\tau)$ and $\sum_{l=1}^n \int_0^t p_{lk}(\tau, y_1, \dots, y_n) da_{il}(\tau) = 0$ for $t \in [0, \omega]$ ($i = n_{j-1} + 1, \dots, n_j$; $k = n_j + 1, \dots, n$; $j = 1, \dots, m - 1$); $g_j(t) \equiv 2 \sum_{l=1}^{r_j} \int_0^t \alpha_{lj}(\tau) dg_{lj}(\tau) + \sum_{\sigma=1}^2 s_\sigma(\beta_j)(t)$; and $q \in \bigcap_{\sigma=1}^2 K([0, \omega] \times R_+, R_+^{n \times n}; A^{(\sigma)})$ is a vector-function nondecreasing in the second variable. Then the problem (1),(2) is solvable.

The analogous question has been considered in [1] for a system of ordinary differential equations.

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